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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION  
(RCE)  
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Application Number	09/393,639
Filing Date	September 10, 1999
First Named Inventor	Raymond F. COBB
Group Art Unit	2631
Examiner Name	Don Nguyen VO
Attorney Docket Number	GCSD1038(51152)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37.CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on December 2, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other

2.  Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14) when the RCE is filed; Fee calculated as shown below.)

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0870.
- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.137 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
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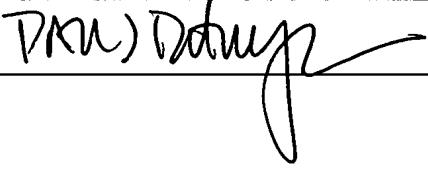
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